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STABBING

Man not responsible in his father's killing

A man formerly of Labrador was found not criminally responsible last week in the January 2016 stabbing death of his father in Halifax, N.S.

Elias Lampe, 21, was arrested January 21, 2016 following the murder of his father, Frank John Lampe, earlier that day.

The elder Lampe, 58, was found stabbed to death at the Halifax apartment they shared. When police picked up Elias, he was covered in blood at a bus stop a short distance from the apartment building.

The court heard Lampe thought he could send his father back to the past by stabbing him, and had stabbed himself as well prior to his arrest.

According to court documents, Elias Lampe had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 2014 and stopped taking his prescribed medicine about a month before the stabbing. The Lampe's had moved to Halifax about six months before the attack.

The elder Lampe worked with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Labrador Inuit Association (LIA) for over 20 years as the land claims director and economic development advisor. In June, a portrait of Frank John Lampe was presented to the Nunatsiavut Assembly and it will hang in the public gallery in tribute to him.

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ASSAULT

Minister's husband to undergo evaluation

The husband of Nova Scotia's immigration minister is undergoing a 45-day psychiatric assessment after being declared not criminally responsible for allegedly assaulting, threatening and choking his wife on New Year's Eve.

Chris Hansen of the Public Prosecution Service said today that the finding came last week after Maroun Diab underwent a previous psychiatric evaluation.

Hansen says the results of the current assessment will be provided to the Criminal Review

Board, which will decide how to proceed.

Diab had been released on a series of conditions in January, including one prohibiting him from having any contact with his wife, Lena Diab, and two other people, but was then admitted to hospital again. Lena Diab, a lawyer and business owner, was appointed Nova Scotia's first female justice minister after winning office in October 2013, and was named to the immigration portfolio in 2015.

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Halifax DIGEST

DARTMOUTH Man claiming to have firearm robs bank

A man is facing charges after a morning bank robbery in Dartmouth.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the TD Bank on Portland Street around 10:20 a.m. Saturday. Police say a man walked into the bank, claimed he had a gun and demanded money.

No weapon was seen, but the suspect did get away with some cash. Police say they arrested a 32-year-old man in the area of Tulip and Beach streets.

Darryl Horochuk of Dartmouth is facing charges of robbery, disguise with intent, possession of a dangerous

weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon. METRO

CRIME

Man taken to hospital after downtown stabbing

Police are investigating a stabbing in downtown Halifax.

According to a news release, the incident happened just before midnight on Friday around Market and Sackville streets.

A 25-year-old victim was taken to the Halifax Infirmary with a stab wound on his lower back where he was treated and released, police said.

A male in his mid-20s was arrested in the area. There were no details on any charges.

METRO

Cyclist's death a 'tragic reminder'

INFRASTRUCTURE

Road shoulders are needed safety measures, says advocacy group



Ben Macintosh
For Metro | Halifax

After the death of a cyclist on the Canso Causeway this weekend, biking advocates say better infrastructure is needed to keep people safe.

Kelsey Lane, executive director of the Halifax Cycling Coalition, said Nova Scotia should look to places like Quebec for improved cyclist safety.

"It's a tragic reminder that shoulders are important," said Lane in an interview on Sunday. "There is a need to have that infrastructure in place for cyclists."

It's something the city of Halifax should also work on, said Lane.

"Bicycles are good for the city, they reduce traffic congestion, and they incorporate sustainable transportation into our lifestyles."

Saturday afternoon, a 57-year-old man from Port Hawkesbury died at the scene after colliding with a truck on the Canso Causeway. The only link from Cape Breton to the mainland was closed for six hours, with traffic backing up in long lines.

This death coming so close to



A 57-year-old man from Port Hawkesbury died at the scene after colliding with a truck on the Canso Causeway. ROB SMITH/CONTRIBUTED

“It's a reminder that all transportation has risks, and that you need to know the rules of the road and be visible. Kelsey Lane

the start of cycling season could affect potential riders, said Lane. "People want to be riding bicycles, but they don't feel safe,"

said Lane. But riders shouldn't be discouraged by this accident, said Lane.

"It's a reminder that all trans-

portation has risks and that you need to know the rules of the road and be visible," she said.

It is also a reminder to motor vehicle drivers.

"Vehicles have to have one meter of separation between bikes. Don't try to squeeze by, wait the extra 10 seconds," said Lane.

"People on bicycles are much more vulnerable than cars."

COURT

Gang member sentenced for human trafficking

A young gang member who forced a 14-year-old Halifax girl into prostitution was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for human trafficking and sexual assault.

Owen Ross Gibson-Skeir, 21, was arrested a year ago in Halifax and pleaded guilty in December to three charges.

When he was charged, an investigator said it had been decades since such a young victim of prostitution had come forward to seek help from police.

"Human trafficking is a combination of physical and emotional torture," Crown attorney Catherine Cogswell told court Friday.

"How does a person recover from being bought and sold and emotionally, physically and sexually tortured? I'm not sure. But I do have hope for the young women coming forward now."

Judge Claudine MacDonald handed down the sentence in Halifax provincial court, saying the man would have received

a longer sentence had he not pleaded guilty to the most serious charges.

"What is remarkable here is that despite everything that this child endured ... as a result of your actions, somehow she was able to summon the inner strength and resoluteness of will ... and free herself from your control," MacDonald said to Gibson-Skeir.

Outside court, Cogswell said the conviction and sentencing was a first for Nova Scotia under

the federal human trafficking law introduced by the previous Conservative government in 2014.

That law includes a mandatory-minimum sentence of five years for those convicted of prostituting anyone under 18.

Police said that after his arrest, Gibson-Skeir described himself as a pimp who belonged to the "Blood Gang" in East Preston, a half-hour drive east of Halifax.

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Show brings people together

FUNDRAISER

Laugh Out Violence benefits youth association



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Colter Simmonds believes laughter heals, and is hoping a Laugh Out Violence fundraiser later this week will help bring communities together.

"With everything that has gone on in our city over the last year or so, I wanted to create something that would get people from all over the HRM to come out and enjoy themselves and have fun," Simmonds said.

"And at the same time we wanted to create awareness that we do have an issue that we need to address, but that shouldn't take away from us enjoying ourselves and our lives."

Simmonds runs the North Preston-based We Will Win Youth Association dedicated to supporting the community's youth socially, academically and physically.

The program has experienced significant growth in recent years, with participating youth travelling the world to prestigious tournaments and events.

Many have gone on to score basketball scholarships and become community leaders.

Simmonds partnered with Quentrel Provo, founder of Stop the Violence Spread the Love, to organize the two-night event in support of the youth association. Featured comedians are Jay Martin, Mark Walker and Cedric



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“We wanted to create awareness that we do have an issue, but that shouldn't take away from us enjoying ourselves. Colter Simmonds

Newman.

Friday night's show at the North Preston Community

Centre also serves as the association's season kick-off. It is open to all ages and

includes a sit down meal, comedy show, and several live musical performances.

Saturday evening's Laugh Out Violence show is for those 19 and older and is being held at Dartmouth's Ecole du Carrefour.

"It's going to be really funny. It's going to be a really

good time and they're going to have musical entertainment as well ... with a lot of good artists," Simmonds said.

"They all believe our community needs healing and through our youth is where we need to focus, to support them and show them another way."

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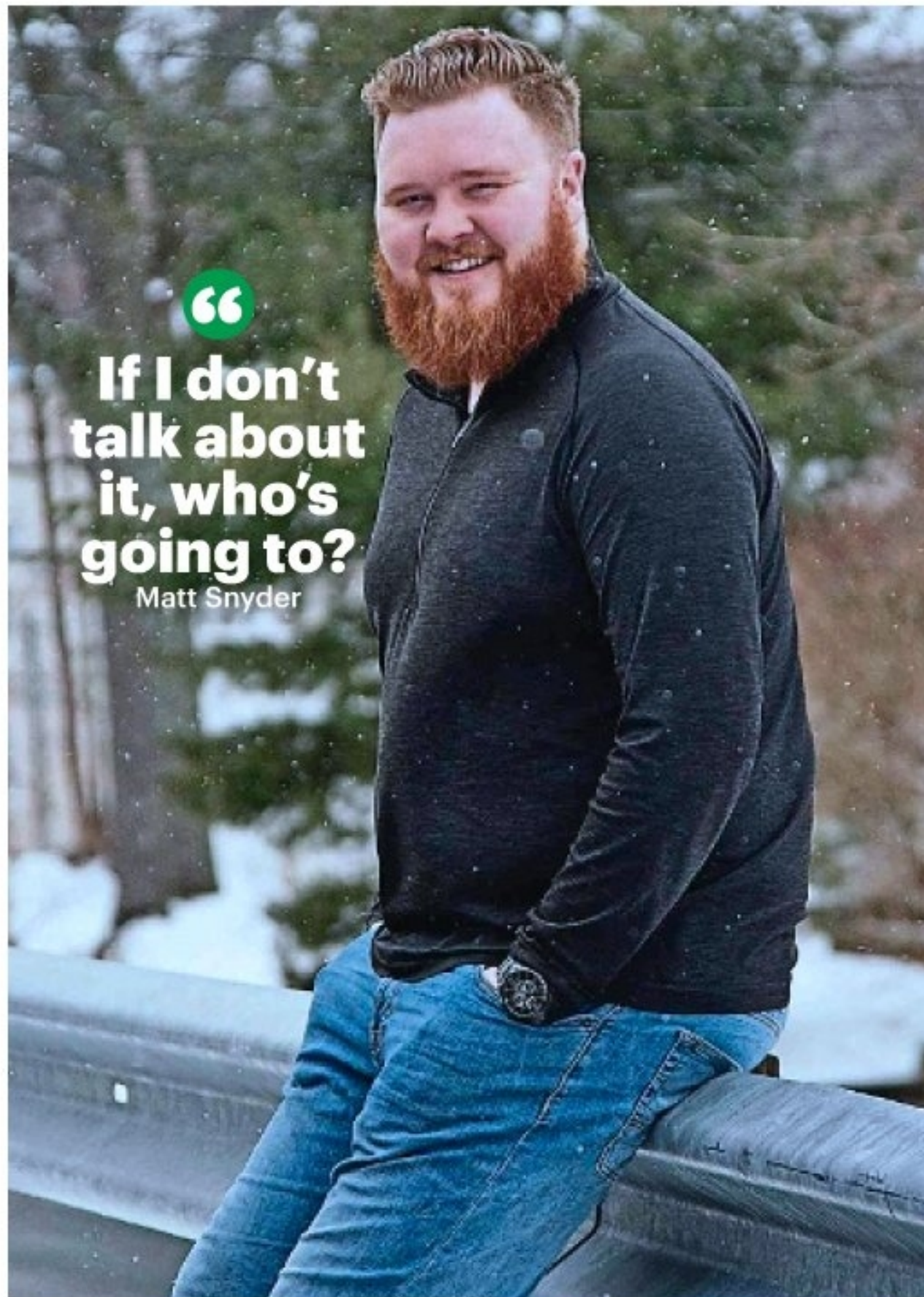
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“
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Matt Snyder

Matt Snyder says he knows first-hand how difficult it is for people suffering from a mental illness to find effective care services in the province. JEFF HARPER/METRO

‘I knew I had to do something’

MENTAL HEALTH

Advocate leads talk on mental health services in Nova Scotia



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

After years of anger and “spinning in circles,” a Halifax occupational therapist is speaking out about his struggle with mental illness — just a year after he tried to take his own life.

Matt Snyder spoke last week to a group of about 70 students in Dalhousie’s occupational therapy program, where he’s an instructor, and posted a video on Facebook of the hour-long talk. It’s now been viewed thousands of times, and Snyder has heard from countless people who identify with his message, and want to learn to be as open as him.

“It’s really interesting how this has opened up a conversation,” he said in an interview. “I’m really excited to continue it throughout my existence.”

Snyder talked about his depression and anxiety, built up over six years while he was in school at Acadia and Dalhousie universities. He talked about his experiences trying to seek help, and the difficulty in finding someone in the health care system to really listen.

And the 26-year-old talked candidly about the two times just last year, in January and February, that he tried to end his life.

“I was in need of some other type of pain, in the form of physical pain, so I could give myself a break from listening to the voices inside my head,” he told the class last week.

Just more than a year later, he finds it hard to believe he is where he is now.

“It came down to a point that I got really tired of being angry and spinning in circles, and I’ve been looking for a really long time to form this in a productive way,” he said.

“There’s so many people out there that are keeping it silent or keeping it away and just letting it eat at them, that I knew that I had to do something, and I think this was the best way to do it.”

Much of Snyder’s talk centred around the importance of health professionals like occupational therapists, who help patients recover from physical or mental illness, seeking help and finding coping strategies for themselves.

He’s also advocating for change in the health care system, where he believes stigma and discrimination are deeply instilled, and hurting patients’ chances of recovery.

And Snyder is advocating for more housing supports as part of his role with Caldys Grange Supported Housing, a

Halifax non-profit that provides apartments for people living with severe mental illness like schizophrenia.

“It allows affordable options for them to move forward with goals and live in quality apartments that aren’t poor living conditions,” he said of the organization, which he’s worked with for the past two years.

Snyder wants services like those to be better funded, and easier to access.

“Mental illness is really tough, and if you’re left to battle with your own mind, and let your mind convince you of things that either aren’t realistic or are irrational, then you can go down a really dark road,” he said.

“But if we provide those services and have infrastructure in place to help people, especially after they leave hospital, then we’re going to see a lot of improved lives and quality of life for a lot of people.”

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SPORTS

MacDonald still going after 28 years of event organization



Ben Macintosh
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For Wayne MacDonald, the SEDMHA tournament has been a family affair.

His father helped with the first Shearwater East Dartmouth Minor Hockey Association (SEDMHA) tournament back in 1977, and his son used to play in it, so it was an easy decision for MacDonald to step in as chairman when the founders retired.

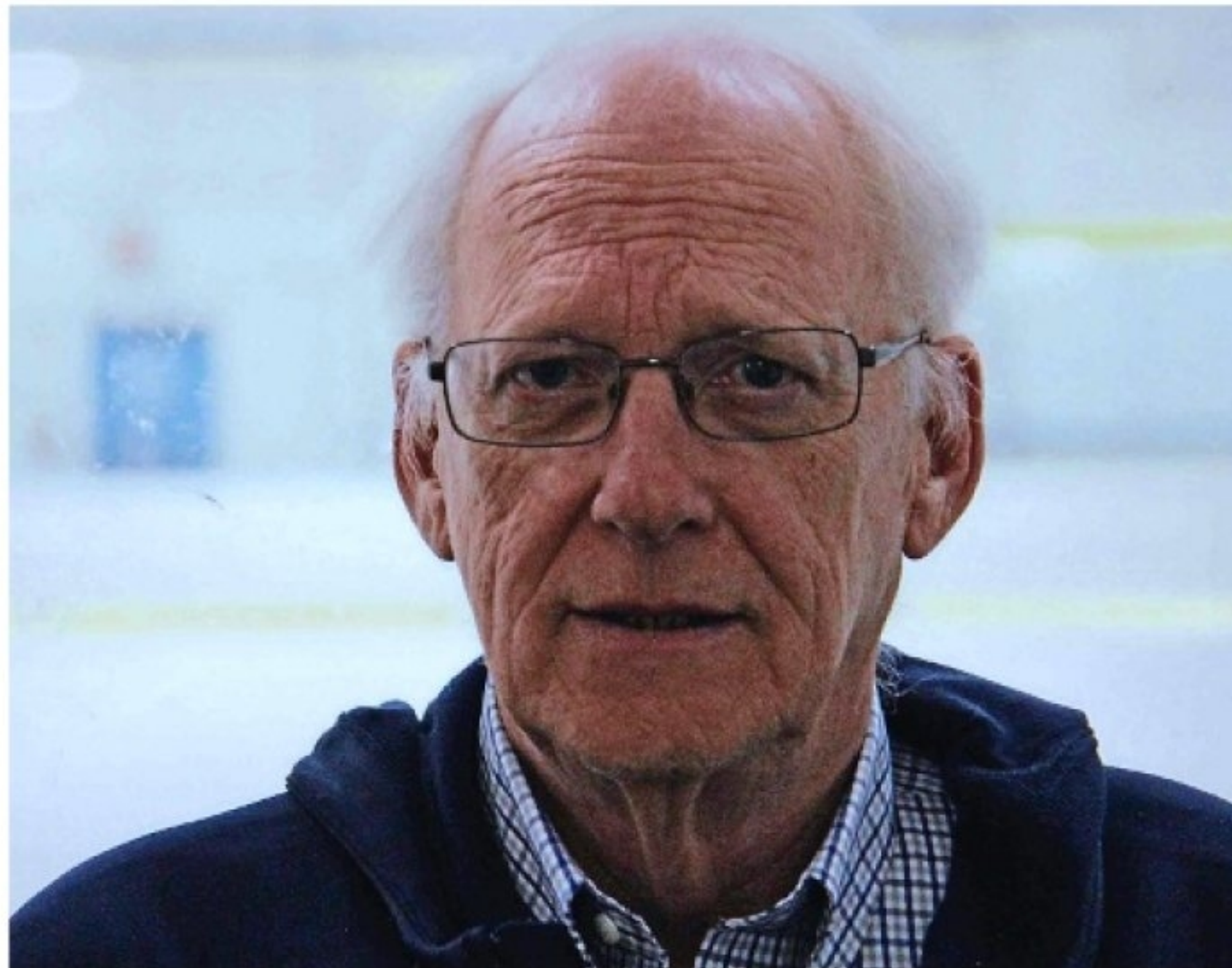
Now his 28th year in that role, MacDonald organizes the schedule of the popular hockey tournament that draws teams from around the globe.

"It's like a puzzle, fitting all the games together. It gets easy once you've been doing it for so long," said MacDonald.

SEDMHA is one of the largest minor hockey tournaments in the Maritimes. This past weekend was the tournament's 40th year with 278 teams participating on 20 rinks around the Halifax area. Organizing all those games can be tough, but nothing usually goes wrong, said MacDonald.

"Last year we had a little hiccup, a cheerleading group had booked one of our ice surfaces," said MacDonald in an interview Friday. "But that wasn't a critical issue." Having a good committee to work with makes things easier, said MacDonald.

"We have a couple people who have been here since it



Wayne MacDonald takes a break from organizing the SEDMHA tournament at the Bowles Arena in Dartmouth.

BEN MACINTOSH/FOR METRO

started. You have this comradery among the committee. It's not quite a family, but it's something like that."

Although there have been waves of parents causing incidents at minor hockey games, MacDonald said that hasn't been an issue at SEDMHA.

"We've never had an incident. Most of the complaints



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Wayne McDonald

we get are when the statistics on the website aren't right," said MacDonald.

MacDonald said a team from Victoria, B.C. was one

of the most memorable to play in the tournament.

"To fundraise their trip, they sold tulips," said MacDonald.

"So, they arrived with all these tulips to sell."

Another memorable team came all the way from Russia to play in the tournament.

"That was a big deal, the premier at the time gave them a reception. After winning the tournament, they toured around the province playing exhibition games,"

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said MacDonald. Along with memorable teams, some big-name players have appeared in tournament history, said MacDonald.

"Well of course there's Sidney Crosby and Nathan MacKinnon and we get players like Brad Richards and Cam Russell."

MacDonald has his theory on why SEDMHA is such a popular event. "It's at the end of the year after most provincials, so it's a good way to end the season. Our scheduling method is different from other tournaments," said MacDonald.

"We don't do a round robin and the better teams all play in the top division, so we have different tiers of championships."

For all the work that goes into planning games, the players make it worthwhile, said MacDonald.

"On Sunday seeing kids on the ice celebrating, that's something," said MacDonald. "It's nice to see the comradery between the players, the whole tournament has a festive atmosphere."

MacDonald said he still wants to keep going. "It's hard to leave when there's nobody to take your place, plus you like doing it," said MacDonald. "It's something you don't want to let go of."

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Traveller's tale of two Sydneys

MIX-UP

Dutch man confuses Cape Breton and Australian cities

He wasn't in Cape Breton long but the latest wayward traveller who showed up recently in Sydney, Nova Scotia, instead of Sydney, Australia, was given a heaping helping of local hospitality while he was here.

The story of Milan Schipper, an 18-year-old from the Netherlands, has gone viral over the last week after he told Dutch newspaper Algemeen Dagblad the story of how he landed on cold Cape Breton Island instead of sunny Australia.

As It Happens, a national CBC radio program, also picked up the story here in Canada.

Schipper thought he was headed for a backpacking adventure down under when he mistakenly purchased a ticket to Canada instead.

"The airport authority didn't have any contact with this man from Holland but sometimes if they are waiting here to catch their flight then we would assist if we could," said Helen MacInnis, chief executive officer at J.A. Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport.

"But the airlines really do a good job of looking out for their passengers."

The Dutch man told media in several interviews his mistake was made when he selected the cheaper of several flight options, not realizing that flight would take him to the wrong Sydney. He told the CBC and Algemeen Dagblad he didn't realize his mistake until he was in Toronto.

This, surprisingly, is a mistake that has happened several times to several different

The airport authority didn't have any contact with this man.

Helen MacInnis



Milan Schipper accidentally booked a ticket to Nova Scotia's Sydney instead of Australia. CONTRIBUTED/GOFUNDME

people, including a recent instance involving a woman who landed in Cape Breton last December.

"She was from Afghanistan

and was going to Sydney, Australia, to visit her sister and landed here," said MacInnis.

"There was a bit of time in between her flight when

the airline was rebooking her and she had to stay here overnight. We provided her with a place to rest and some food. She didn't speak English

but she knew enough words to communicate. We made sure she was safe and well looked after while she was here." TC MEDIA

REPRESENTATION

Judges reflect more diversity

Nova Scotia's provincial and family courts have come closer to gender and diversity balance, with the appointment of two black lawyers, an openly gay lawyer and a female Crown attorney as judges.

Premier Stephen McNeil announced the appointments today of Rickcola Brinton, Amy Sakalauskas, Samuel Moreau and Rosalind Michie, bringing the number of full-time provincial and family court judges to 38, of which 18 are women.

Brinton is a black woman who

has been the managing lawyer with Legal Aid's youth office in Halifax for more than 15 years.

Sakalauskas, who is gay, is a Department of Justice lawyer who has practised in the child protection field and has worked nationally on LGBTQ issues.

Moreau is a black man currently with Nova Scotia Legal Aid's Port Hawkesbury office who has practised law for 18 years, and sits on the Nova Scotia Barristers Society Hearing Committee.

Michie has been senior Crown

counsel with the public prosecution service since 2012.

The provincial court presides over criminal charges, while the family court hears family issues, including maintenance, custody and access, and child protection matters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number of full-time provincial and family court judges who are women, out of a total 38 judges.

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Immigrants back Indigenous Games

SPORTS

Latin American group seeking out translators for global event



David P. Ball
Metro | Edmonton

When Ingrid Flores heard that this summer's nine-day World Indigenous Games hadn't yet secured the funding they hoped for, she saw a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

As founder and board member of Edmonton's Latin American Community Engagement Network (LACEN), Flores said many immigrants want to learn more about First Nations here.

But the sophomore championships, the first held two years ago in Brazil, are still short roughly \$4 million of their goal, the Games' acting executive direc-



Chief Wilton (Willie) Littlechild — Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations — first proposed a World Indigenous Nations Games in 1977. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

tor Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse said. Brazil's games cost \$30 million, she said; other global sporting events can clock in at a minimum \$14 million, and WIN Games planners hope for somewhere between the two.

"When I found out they're looking for funding, I asked,

"How do we help you guys make sure you have the best games you could possibly have?" Flores said. "They needed volunteers to help translate for the Latin American nations coming."

"Then they asked if we could help with Russian translation and we said we could just handle

finding the bilingual immigrant volunteer base they need."

And because many of the thousands of athletes and elders coming to Alberta from July 1-9 may only speak major world dialects as a second language, Flores is on the lookout for Edmontonians who actually speak some Indigenous mother tongues.

"It's a very unique opportunity in our own Latino community to get involved in something a lot of us will never see again in our lifetime," she said.

But Calahoo-Stonehouse said that while the help from LACEN has taken a huge burden off their shoulders, they are working to meet their financial goals. However the Games are "definitely happening."

"We're still working on it," said Calahoo-Stonehouse. "And we're still praying for a miracle."

"We're hopeful, because I truly believe the federal and provincial governments want to support Indigenous Peoples in what we see as reconciliation."

CULTURE

Culmination of a '40-year journey'

This August marks exactly 40 years since Chief Wilton Littlechild — a maverick athlete himself who's competed internationally in swimming, hockey and track — first pitched the idea at an international Indigenous conference in Sweden in 1977.

In fact, it was the World Indigenous Nations Games' host band, Enoch Cree Nation near Edmonton, that hosted the first regional competition that were the Games' forebear. So this July's event is a full circle for Littlechild.

"It's taken us a long while to realize them," the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations, said in an interview.

"We didn't anticipate the humongous work necessary to host a world games, so we broke it in pieces — starting with regional Indigenous games."



We didn't anticipate the humongous work necessary.

Chief Wilton Littlechild

"The foundation needed to be built. Now, those regional games can now converge into the world games. I'm looking forward to it personally because it's been a 40-year journey, but the games can finally come back to Canada."

As Littlechild puts it, celebrating the wide range of global Indigenous cultures is at the heart of the Games he envisioned 40 years ago.

"It will be competitive of course," said the swimming champion, who just turned 73 and hopes to swim in this summer's Games.

"But it's really about a real celebration of our traditional games, not just a competition."

"That's what is really unique about this: these are games played by Indigenous Peoples around the world that no one else really sees."

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Desperation sets in as flood death toll in Colombia tops 200

DISASTER

Search teams combing through debris for survivors

Townpeople desperately searched their ruined homes and the local hospital for loved ones Sunday after a torrent of water, mud and debris swept through a city in southern Colombia, causing more than 200 deaths, many of them children, and leaving hundreds more missing and injured.

Neighbourhoods were left strewn with rocks, wooden planks, tree limbs and brown muck after heavy rain caused the three rivers that surround Mocoa to rise up and surge through the city of 40,000 Friday night and early Saturday as people slept. The deluge smashed houses, tore trees out by the roots and washed cars and trucks away.

Search-and-rescue teams

combed through the debris and helped people who had been desperately clawing at huge mounds of mud by hand. Many had little left to search.

"People went to their houses and found nothing but the floor," said Gilma Diaz, a 42-year-old woman from another town who came to search for a cousin.

President Juan Manuel Santos, who visited Mocoa for a second straight day Sunday, declared the area a disaster zone and said the death toll stood at 210. But that was all but certain to rise because authorities said there were more than 200 injured, some in critical condition, and more than 200 others unaccounted for.

Dozens stood in the door of a hospital, hoping for news of family members who were not on the list of those confirmed dead or injured. Others frantically knocked on relatives'



Rescuers search for survivors in Mocoa, Colombia, Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doors, hoping to find someone with information about their loved ones.

The disaster seemed to hit young people particularly hard. Santos said more than 40 of the dead identified so far were

under 18, perhaps because youngsters were already in bed when the floodwaters struck.

Maria Cordoba, a 52-year-old resident who was trying to wash her belongings in a river, said two of her nephews, ages 6 and 11, were killed when their house was destroyed.

"The mother as well was totally beaten up" but managed to save her 18-month-old baby,

she said.

Mocoa is vulnerable to flooding. It is surrounded by the three rivers in a natural basin created by the surrounding mountains.

The danger has grown worse in recent years because of deforestation, which eliminates some protection from runoff, and because many people built their homes close to the water.

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People went to their houses and found nothing but the floor.

Gilma Diaz

Information Session

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This is the final public meeting before the anticipated school opening in fall, 2017.



POLITICS

Brexit set to leave Gibraltar in limbo

Spain's top diplomat said Sunday that his government is urging the European Union to side with Madrid on the future of the British territory of Gibraltar, which lies at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula and Spain has long sought to reclaim.

Spanish Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis told Spanish newspaper El Pais that Madrid insists it should get a veto over any agreements regarding the strategic enclave as Britain prepares to leave the EU.

"We have spoken to our fellow (EU) members and institutions in recent weeks and have made clear Spain's position: when the U.K. leaves the EU, the member nation of the EU is Spain, and in the case of Gibraltar the EU is therefore obligated to side with Spain," Dastis said.

Brussels suggested last week that it was prepared to give Spain such a veto, angering and upsetting people in Gibraltar. Spain has long sought to regain control of the strategic territory that it has longed to reclaim since ceding its control to Britain in 1713.

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Sunday offered reassurances to Gibraltar that the UK remains steadfastly committed to the overseas territory and its 32,000 residents.

May's Downing Street office said that she phoned the chief minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, to assure him that Britain remains "absolutely dedicated to working with Gibraltar for the best possible outcome on Brexit and will continue to involve them fully in the process."

In the newspaper interview, Dastis said Spain would not close the border with Gibraltar after Britain leaves the EU. Such a move would threaten jobs on both sides.

"If London takes measures that hurt the rights of Europeans, we will do that same (with British residents in the EU)," he said. "We want a balanced, reasonable and thorough deal."

Spain also favours a "soft" Brexit that would allow the U.K. to keep at least some of its access to the lucrative common market, as opposed to its outright exclusion, he said, noting that the EU has such agreements with non-member nations Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

But those deals include the free movement of people among EU countries, something that the British government has pledged to stop once it withdraws from the bloc.

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STATEHOUSES

Black Lives Matter shifts focus

A new initiative launched by Black Lives Matter activists seeks to re-focus the movement's efforts on state capitols, building on momentum at the national level to push back against President Donald Trump's political agenda on issues such as policing and immigration.

The online platform OurStates.org is the latest indication that Democrats and left-leaning groups are turning their attention to statehouses after concluding that many of the policies they oppose are being enacted at the state level, since Congress has passed few major laws in recent years.

Despite the movement's national presence, it has not concentrated "on engaging and resisting what state legislatures are doing to essentially implement the same agenda," said Sam Sinyangwe, a data scientist with the project. "If we don't engage on the state level, many of the same rights we're fighting to protect will be restricted at the local level anyway."

Users visiting the site can choose categories and click on states to learn more about pending legislation. It has a guide for influencing lawmakers, directing people to ask for in-person meetings, present specific demands and track the progress of legislation. The site also suggests conducting protests in lawmakers' offices to apply pressure and get their attention.

Black Lives Matter grew out of the protests over the 2014 fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. Activists DeRay Mckesson and Brittany Packnett are behind the OurStates.org project and have created other online organizing tools to connect people to ways to continue the movement.

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CHICAGO

Police seek second teen in Facebook sex assault case

An arrest warrant has been issued for a second teenage boy in the sexual assault of a 15-year-old Chicago girl that was streamed live on Facebook, and further arrests are expected, police said. Police said they were looking for a 15-year-old suspect in the attack, which investigators have said involved five or six males. Investigators didn't specify how many others would be charged, but they did say an adult male was among them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robo-advisers look for rich investors

INVESTING

Automated service started out targeting millennials

Most investors think so-called robo-advisers are for younger folks who don't have much money to invest, let alone pay the fees and commissions

charged by traditional financial planners.

But these days the growing and competitive online portfolio management service — which is akin to investing on cruise control — is targeting high net worth investors to go robo too.

Though the name conjures a cross between R2D2 and Siri, robo-advisors actually provide automated, algorithm-based portfolio management advice without much, if any, human

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real advisers available by phone.

About a dozen robos have popped up in Canada in recent years, all aimed at making investing cheap and simple — which is not what is usually associated with six-figure-plus clients who often want the “more face-to-face and hand holding” of a human rather than virtual wealth manager, says Anthony Boright, president of InvestorCOM Inc.

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The competitive online portfolio management service is targeting high net worth investors to go robo too. ISTOCK

REAL ESTATE

Fintrac pulls warning

Canada's money-laundering watchdog drafted a document warning the real estate sector to be on guard for “specific ethnic communities” dealing with terrorism and war, before removing the reference at the behest of an industry association, documents show.

Correspondence between Fintrac and the Canadian Real Estate Association, obtained through an Access to Information request, shows that the industry group was concerned

that the reference would encourage agents to stop doing business with people based on their ethnicity.

The draft guidance document lists several examples of factors that may increase a company's risk of becoming entangled in financial crimes, including dealing with “a specific ethnic community that is currently dealing with specific events (e.g. prevalence of terrorism or money laundering, war, etc.) in the home country.”

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THE QUESTION How can I help solve big, complex issues like sky-rocketing house prices?

Dear Ellen,

The prices for housing in B.C. are so high, I don't know how I could ever encourage the situation to change at city hall or otherwise. What can I do to make sure my future is more than renting for life? Priced Out

Dear Priced Out,

I will begin with a warning: My advice is going to sound facetious and possibly hopeless, but it's based in truth. And part of that truth is: there's no easy answer to your question, so I'm going to give you difficult Big Picture advice, instead of fake Quick Fix advice.

To start, there's nothing wrong with renting for life, but, yes, there is something wrong when sky-rocketing house prices cut out an entire generation of working stiffs due to a wealthy, privileged echelon squeezing them out of the market. In fact, not even renters are safe — right now in Toronto, longtime tenants are being evicted so landlords can play shell games with existing, inadequate rules, and jack up rents down the line.

The problem here is simple and goes to the heart of both etiquette and social justice: greed.

There's nothing wrong with making money, and I certainly strive to maximize my own income in a

My advice is to stand up against such ill-mannered injustice.

DEAR HOUSING MARKET:



competitive freelance writing market. But when the game is fixed in favour of the already-wealthy, when patriarchal capitalists and free market propagandists profit off the backs of their fellow human beings, and accelerating income disparity actually kills people (see Stats Can for data on "decreased life expectancy" for "people with lower incomes") — well, that's just plain rude!

My advice is to stand up against such ill-mannered injustice: march peacefully, run for office, and/or support local candidates who support the entitlement of every person — regardless of origin or legal status — to clean drinking water, education, health care, freedom from violence and persecution, affordable shelter and freedom of expression.

Seriously, it's bad

manners to rip off the less fortunate, and it's good manners to give them a fair shake. And decent, well-behaved people know in their heart of hearts what that actually means when it comes to the rules and laws that govern the housing market, and everything else.

Need advice?
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VICKY MOCHAMA

Police 'solidarity' wristbands shut the public out

Members of the Ottawa police are sporting wristbands in solidarity with the officer charged in the death of Abdirahman Abdi.

In a sign that something rotten has been allowed to fester, orders are coming in from police officers across the country. Over 1,200 of them have been sold.

Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau has banned officers from wearing the wristbands while on duty and called on his force to consider the message the wristbands send to the community and the "long-term impact on public trust this could create," according to a CBC report.

What are these officers possibly thinking? A man is dead and they feel a need to wear a symbol of support for the person accused in his death? What sort of culture exists within policing that this can happen?

When did police officers start believing they were above us?

The drive to get justice for Abdi, a 37-year-old Somali man, is not solely about one man, nor is it solely about race. It is also about insisting on accountability and transparency from the public servants we entrust to stand between danger and us.

No one is saying the officer and his family don't deserve support. It is about trusting a judicial system, including law enforcement, to uphold the principles that govern our society.

It is the policing institutions and their leaders that have

created the "us versus them" mentality, and it is up to them to address it.

The offer to buy the wristbands circulated through senior levels of the Ottawa police, according to the Ottawa Citizen.

Aside from Bordeleau's ban and admonishment from the Ottawa Police Services Board, no senior officer has spoken out against the wristband sales. Some officers have only done so anonymously because they fear reprisals from their own colleagues.

A culture of silence within the ranks is troubling.

By wearing wristbands in solidarity with an officer who has been accused of a serious crime, police officers in Ottawa and across the country are sending a message that they effectively stand against the people they serve. They stand against us.

That isn't just "us" as black and racialized people. For this group — my community — that trust has always stood on shaky ground; the police have, in many instances, been the violent manifestation of white supremacy.

Rather, I think more of "us" — that is, citizens (and indeed, non-citizens in this country) — who believe that no one should be above the law.

There needs to be a cultural change within police. Officers need to remember, and to be reminded, that they are primarily servants to the public.

At their best, they are role models.

They should stand in solidarity with us.

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Alessia lights up reflective Junos

MUSIC

Youth to fore, Trudeau toasts departed Cohen

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked for it, Bryan Adams delivered.

Sunday night's Juno Awards opened with a skit that had the prime minister phoning in a request for Summer of '69 and the show closed with an all-star performance that also included Sarah McLachlan, Alessia Cara and members of rock bands Billy Talent and the Arkells.

Earlier, the show mixed comedy from co-host Russell Peters and sombre tributes to two of the year's big winners, Gord Downie and the late Leonard Cohen.

Cohen won album of the year for *You Want It Darker*, making it the second posthumous Juno honour for Montreal's poet laureate. Cohen, who died in November, also won artist of the year during a gala dinner on Saturday.

Trudeau introduced a tribute performance for Cohen — who he called “one of the greatest artists Canada has ever produced” — by recalling when the Montreal poet-songwriter was an honorary pallbearer for his

father Pierre Trudeau's funeral.

“I remember a gathering the night before the funeral... That was the night I learned Leonard — a great man — but not a big hugger.”

Feist performed a cover of Cohen's 1967 song *Hey, That's No Way To Say Goodbye*, backed by a slideshow of black and white photos of the musician.

Downie did not attend the show but appeared in a pre-recorded acceptance speech after being named the winner of the songwriter of the year Juno for his *Secret Path* solo project, which recounts the life of 12-year-old Chanie Wenjack, who died

in 1966 after running away from a residential school. *Secret Path* also won the best adult alternative album and recording package of the year awards.

“Thank you for stepping into the wind, for following the sound you've been sort of hearing your entire life. For looking to see what has been bothering you a little bit,” Downie said in a pre-recorded acceptance speech for the songwriter award.

Despite being nominated for five Junos on the back of his hit album *Views*, Toronto rapper Drake — who didn't attend the ceremony — didn't pick up a single award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 On a night when Canadian music's youth shone in many of the major categories, **Shawn Mendes** took home his first Juno when he won the Fan Choice Award.

2 A moving musical tribute to the late **Leonard Cohen** was spearheaded by indie pop singer **Feist**; the singer-songwriter, who died in November, won the Junos for album of the year and artist of the year.

3 **Alessia Cara** gave a shout out to her home town of Brampton, Ont. after she took home the Juno for pop album of the year for *Know It All*.

4 Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and wife **Sophie Gregoire Trudeau** took to the stage to introduce the Leonard Cohen tribute segment.

5 Rock group **The Strumbellas** took single of the year for their smash hit *Spirits*, which they performed live.



Katherine Langford plays high-schooler Hannah in Netflix's *13 Reasons Why*. CONTRIBUTED



JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Lots of reasons to like gutsy adaptation

THE SHOW: *13 Reasons Why*, Season 1, Episode 4 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The screenshot

High-schooler Hannah (Katherine Langford) killed herself. But first she recorded 13 half-hour tapes, naming names of those who hurt her. Recipients of the tapes listen, then pass them onto the next person on her list. Shy-guy Clay (Dylan Minnette) has them now. He liked Hannah, maybe loved her, but never told her.

Tape four is about Tyler, who secretly snapped photos of Hannah kissing a girl. One of the pics went viral at school. “That whole fall, everyone looked at that picture,” Hannah says on the tape. “Some boys more than once.”

We see Clay in flashback, in his bedroom, looking at the picture on his computer. He reaches for lotion. He reaches into his pants. “We’re a society of stalkers,” Hannah continues. “We all look. We’re all guilty.”

This is a gutsy adaptation of the young adult novels by Jay Asher, a cautionary tale against high school gossip and bullying, made all the more relevant by social media. The fact that it shows our nice protagonist masturbating to some not-so-nicely obtained photographs is an example of how far showrunner Brian Yorkey is willing to go.

Tom McCarthy (*Spotlight*) directed the first two episodes, setting a tone that's elegant, cinematic and honest, without

any of the cheesiness that often chokes teen dramas (hello, *Riverdale*).

There's only one problem, but it could be a big one: Suicide is an extreme act that requires an extreme mental state. Four episodes in, Hannah seems far too strong and sane. I hope future episodes address that.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

TECHNOLOGY

Automation is taking on even the most complex tasks**Genna Buck**
Metro | Toronto

Think about your job duties. How much of your work is exactly the same, day after day?

Chances are that repetitive, somewhat mindless tasks take up a good part of your time. And that, says Sunil Johal, who studies workforce automation as Policy Director at the University of Toronto's Mowat Centre, means you're at risk of being at least partially replaced by a computer or a robot.

"Generally speaking, the more your occupation is involved in highly routinized functions, the more likely it is that you are at risk of your job being automated or migrated online," he said.

Sure, no machine can replicate the human side of your job, he added. But "a slow, creeping byproduct of automation is people shifting into roles that (are) complementary to technology rather than in

Beware....robots are coming for your job



Earlier this year, the head of the Canadian government's economic growth advisory council warned that up to 40 per cent of the country's jobs could disappear within the next decade due to technology automating so many jobs. ISTOCK

direct competition with it."

A robot teacher can't comfort a crying child. But it can teach her to hold basic, natural conversations in French, Chi-

nese, Spanish or Norwegian. There's an app for that, several actually, and they're pretty effective. Also free.

A computer wouldn't be

very convincing (yet) standing up and arguing on your behalf in court. But it can pore over thousands of digital documents, flag potentially rel-

evant ones and organize the results — automating a lot of legal legwork.

An overlooked aspect of this trend, Johal said, is the advent

of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Increasingly complex tasks are being automated. Even if a computer can't do your job just yet, it may be able to teach itself to do it.

The bottom line, he explained, is there will be less work to go around. And the consequences of that may not be what we expect.

"In some cases, that will mean doing different types of work, in some cases that will mean doing less work, and in some cases that will mean your work will no longer exist in that field and you may need to retrain," he said.

Consider the changes in the banking industry. Three-quarters of Canadians now do most of their banking online.

Bank tellers, Johal said, belong to a group of vanishing "pseudo white-collar" jobs that don't require a diploma or degree. And their work is repetitive — a prime candidate for automation.

But teller jobs haven't disappeared. They've just declined, and their duties have radically changed.

Bank branches, in the words of Bharat Masrani, the CEO of TD Bank, have become "a sales machine." And all of Canada's Big Five banks have adapted their sales and customer service practices.



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Linda*, who started as a teller at a financial services trust in Mississauga, Ont. in 1989, saw the transition first-hand. Back then, ATMs could take deposits and spit out money, but that was about it.

"We were pretty much order-takers. There wasn't a focus on selling at that time," Linda said.

That changed around the turn of the millennium, and it coincided with the company being bought out by a huge, high-tech, modern bank.

By the time Linda left her job as a manager in 2015, the sales machine was a finely tuned, automated money-maker.

All day, messages pop up on tellers' computers, encouraging them to sell.

"Algorithms built into the

system looked at a customer's profile and would say, 'Talk about a line of credit' or 'Talk about overdraft protection,'" Linda said.

If you look at the technological changes from a bank's perspective, the trend towards high-pressure selling makes some intuitive sense, Johal said.

"They're starting to think about well, if we have these folks on staff, and we don't need them to do these fairly routine functions, can we get them involved more on the sales side, on the customer service side," he said.

"We're in the midst of a dramatic transformation in a number of different sectors and banking is just one of them."

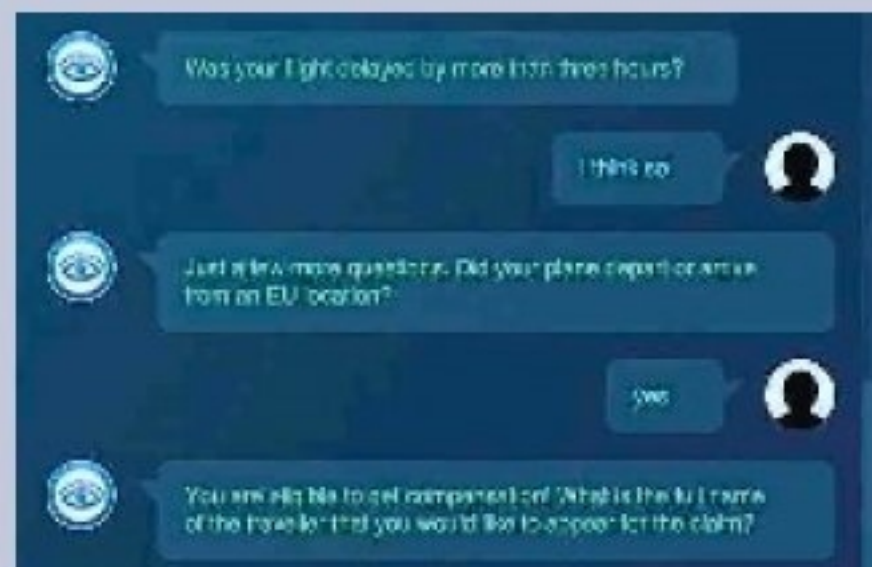
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There's a bot for everything

Think because you're a professional with an advanced degree, you're safe from automation? Think again.

1 The therapy bot

If you have Tess in your pocket, you always have someone to talk to. At least, that's the idea behind the therapy chat-bot from California start-up X2AI. Through artificial intelligence, Tess can carry on a text conversation while performing cognitive behavioural therapy, caregiver support, psychological coaching and several other tasks. Her creators had the insight that most conversations with therapists follow a predictable template, and a lot



of general mental-health advice, like "focus on the present moment," applies to everybody.

2 The doctor bot

Given a medical and genetic

profile, IBM's artificial intelligence platform Watson spits out the same treatment plan as an oncologist would in 99 per cent of cancer cases. And using natural language processing, it

is able to absorb new medical knowledge as it's published — an amount of reading no human doctor could keep up with.

3 The lawyer bot

DoNotPay (pictured left) is a free Facebook Messenger-based chatbot. It was created by 20-year-old Stanford University student Joshua Browder. It asks users simple questions in plain English, then uses their answers to automatically fill out legal forms and generate legal letters. It has already written letters that have overturned 160,000 parking fines. Now it's being used in the U.S., Canada and the U.K. to process refugees' asylum claims. GENNA BUCK/METRO

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Donaldson looks to improve his all-star stats

Josh Donaldson's name has already been a part of the most successful seasons the Blue Jays have had since their World Series glory a quarter of a century ago.

He arrived from Oakland in 2015, gave Toronto its first American League most valuable player since George Bell in 1987, and helped turn the dreams of a return to the post-season into reality, with appearances in the American League Championship Series both years.

There's no questioning his impact, and there's little doubt how much the Jays will count on him in 2017. The question is whether he remains in Toronto beyond 2018.

That possible departure is still two full seasons away but, unlike the relatively quiet markets for Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion this off-season, most major-league teams will be lining up for a potential star-studded free-agent class of Donaldson, Manny Machado and Bryce Harper.

Donaldson will be 33 in the winter of 2018, and the Jays will likely still have money tied up in catcher Russell Martin and shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, so there may be front-office discussions on whether the Jays will be willing to pony up for the third baseman.

But while the Jays, and everyone else, shied away from 30-homer-plus power hitters this winter, Donaldson should be an exception to the rule.

He is one of the game's offen-



The Blue Jays have come to rely on third baseman Josh Donaldson to set the tone with his intensity and his bat. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ ROSTER MOVES

Blue Jays place Osuna on DL, release Upton

The Blue Jays finalized their opening day roster Sunday, placing closer **Roberto Osuna** on the 10-day disabled list with a sore neck and releasing outfielder **Melvin Upton Jr.**

Right-hander **Dominic Leone** was recalled from Triple-A to take Osuna's roster spot.

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sive models. His MVP status and a career 32.5 WAR (wins above replacement) are indicative of his elite status among major-leaguers but it is his dedication to improving himself that impresses most.

"Watching J.D. take the field every day, the intensity and passion he plays with, sets the tone

for younger guys either on our team, or in the organization," Tulowitzki said. "He has a big personality, he definitely has fun, but he locks in when it comes time to play."

Donaldson brings an intriguing mix: intensely competitive, fearless, intelligent, and outspoken when he needs to be.

"He's one of the smartest hitters in our room," infielder Ryan Goins said. "He knows himself inside out but he challenges you with things that work for you, and he challenges you in ways not many can."

Donaldson certainly feels he can get better after winning the MVP award in 2015 and finishing fourth in the voting last year. His numbers in two seasons with the Jays, though — a .291 average, a .946 OPS, 78 homers and 222 RBIs — will be tough to improve on.

"One hundred per cent, I believe I can," Donaldson said. "If I stay healthy and if I continue to do the things I'm doing, and strive to get better, then I think I can get better ... numbers-wise, and just helping us win more."

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Bumgarner a Giant at the plate

Leave it to Madison Bumgarner to get baseball off to a smashing start.

Before the World Series champion Chicago Cubs took the field and after the New York Yankees lost their sixth straight opener, Bumgarner struck.

The San Francisco ace, known for his dominant pitching in October, provided an Opening Day jolt by hitting not

one, but two home runs Sunday for the Giants in a 6-5 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

On the mound, Bumgarner pitched five perfect innings before getting tagged for a three-run sixth inning.

The D-Backs walked off with the win in the bottom of the ninth when Daniel Descalso scored on Chris Owings' single.

The Cubs opened Sunday

night at St. Louis, and fans of the longtime rivals mixed and mingled outside Busch Stadium.

Showing that spring training stats often don't mean much, the Yankees — who had the best record in exhibition play — and ace Masahiro Tanaka — who had the top ERA — got roughed up by the Tampa Bay Rays, 7-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner hit a pair of home runs on Sunday in Phoenix.

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NHL

Bruins leapfrog past Leafs and Sens

Bruins backup Anton Khudobin not only gave No. 1 goalie Tuukka Rask a day off, he helped Boston take a big step toward the playoffs.

Khudobin made 41 saves to win his sixth consecutive victory. Boston held off the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Sunday for its season-high fifth straight victory.

Ryan Spooner, Patrice Bergeron and Kevan Miller scored for the Bruins, who jumped over idle Toronto and Ottawa into second place in the Atlantic Division. Boston began the day in wildcard position, four points ahead of Tampa Bay for the

final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Khudobin, who wasn't beaten until the Blackhawks' 25th shot on a fluky play, was at his best in the first period and down the stretch when Chicago pressured to tie it.

"He's in there battling, working to find pucks, working to keep it out of the net, whether he has to use his head, his pads, his body, his legs, whatever it is," said Bruins interim coach Bruce Cassidy, whose team played its final regular-season road game. "You can't say enough. I think the guys respond to that."

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QMJHL PLAYOFFS

Foreurs polish off Cats in six games

The Val-d'Or Foreurs advanced to the second round of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoffs on Sunday, taking their best-of-seven opening-round series against the Shawinigan Cataractes in six games.

Charley Grasskamp scored two goals and set up another and Mathieu Nadeau had a goal and two assists as Val-d'Or downed the Cataractes 5-1 in Game 6.

Alexis Pepin and Maxim Mizyurin rounded out the offence for the Foreurs, who also won Games 1, 4, and 5 of the series.

Alexis D'Aoust had the lone

+ HERD-HUSKIES

The Halifax Mooseheads travel to Rouyn-Noranda on Monday night down 3-2 in their series with the Huskies.

goal for Shawinigan.

Etienne Montpetit made 38 saves for the win. Mikhail Denisov turned aside 19 shots in the losing effort.

Val-d'Or had three power-play goals, including the eventual winner from Mizyurin early in the second period.

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IN BRIEF

Canada routs Russia at curling worlds

Canada's Brad Gushue defeated Russia's Alexey Stukalskiy 11-3 in round-robin play Sunday morning at the world men's curling championship.

Two more draws were scheduled for later Sunday at the Northlands Coliseum with Canada against Sweden's Niklas Edin in the late draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arsenal salvages draw against Manchester City

Arsenal twice fought back to hold Manchester City 2-2 in the Premier League on Sunday after the attacking resilience of Arsene Wenger's side was undermined by defensive deficiencies.

Arsenal, with a game in hand, remains seven points behind fourth-placed City.

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Delicious Almond Joy Smoothie



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The protein you get from Greek yogurt and almond butter is a great way to start a morning with energy that will keep you going. And we would not be mad if we added a shot of espresso.

Ready in 5 minutes

Prep time 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup Greek style yogurt
- 1/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 1/4 cups chocolate soy milk
- 3/4 cup almond butter

Directions

1. Throw the yogurt, coconut, soy milk and almond butter in the blender and whiz until mixed. Pour, serve and go.

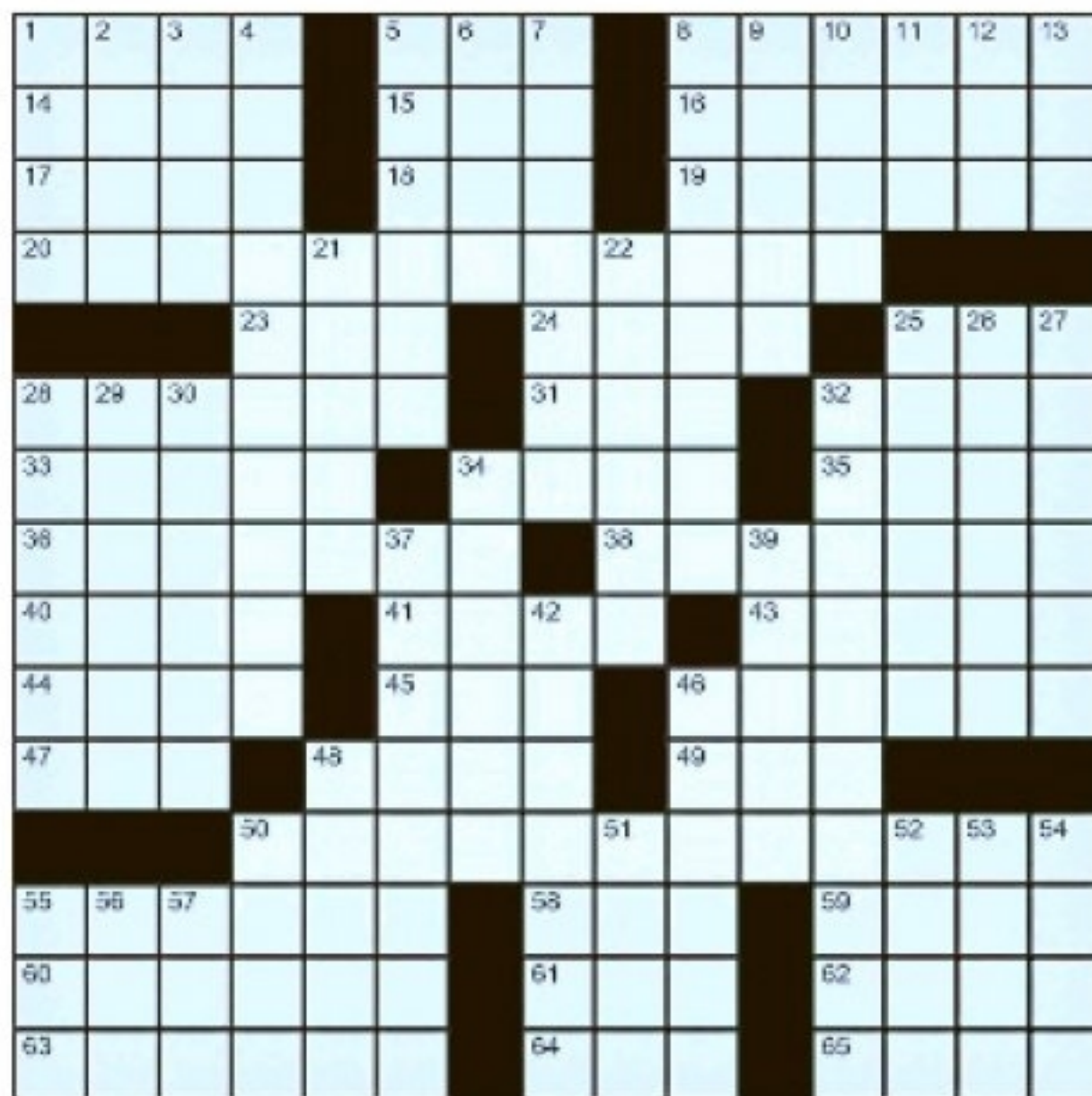
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "When pigs fly!": 2 wds.
5. "The Young Pope" ailer
8. Kind of demure
14. Songbook standard: "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
15. ___-Rock (Music genre)
16. Portage ___ in Winnipeg
17. Sort of sporty spirit
18. Roosted
19. Topped out
20. They shall yield May flowers: 2 wds.
23. Modern-day snicker
24. Vinegar variety
25. 1979: "___ Eyes" by Robert John
28. The yang to Dr. Jekyll's yin: 2 wds.
31. Logging tool
32. Equivalent
33. "10 Things ___ About You" (1999)
34. Dither
35. Asset
36. Innovative/original
38. Champion a cause
40. Ready. Willing. ___
41. Back
43. 'Sea' mammal
44. British running great Sebastian's
45. Ms. Ryan
46. "This Guy's in Love with You" by Herb ___
47. Proof of passengership, punily
48. Gym jumper's need



49. Train's one-of-some
50. This city in Quebec on Osisko Lake has a hyphenated name
55. Rigidity
58. Val-___, Quebec
59. Carpeting material
60. Soar like man-

- kind
61. ___-Margret
62. Buzz Aldrin's employer, famously
63. Was in the waiting
64. Hences
65. Tom Jones: "___ a Lady"

DOWN

1. BC neighbour
2. Permeate
3. News agency in Russia, ___TASS
4. Michael J. Fox sitcom: 2 wds.
5. Inconvenience
6. Dull
7. Armchair's foot-

- stool
8. Quaint just-covering-the-shoulders garbs
9. Obvious
10. Those who support the legislation might give them
11. Tattoo artist's supply
12. "Glee" char-

- acter played by Jane Lynch
13. "I Guess ___ Rather Be in Colorado" by John Denver
21. Shade of green
22. More like a candle's material
25. Show respect as a soldier
26. Funny entertainer
27. Gobi ___
28. Way to win a Razzie Award
29. Antelope of South Africa
30. Prince of Denmark
32. Shrimp of British Columbia: 2 wds.
34. Ready for REM
37. Super-shielded as some guards
39. ___ opposites
42. They contain appointments, meetings, luncheons, etc.
46. Squirrel sustenances
48. Explorer's course
50. On the ___ to recovery
51. ___ (Hair removal tool advertised on TV)
52. "ER" star Mr. Wyle
53. Serving of reality
54. Regrettably
55. Drake's music style
56. "All ___ Got to Do" by The Beatles
57. "Follow You Down" by ___ Blossoms

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20

A family discussion with a female relative will be lively today. This is a good day for dealing with family matters and anything pertaining to the home or perhaps a parent.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

You feel personal about your possessions today, which is why you won't want to lend anything to anyone. Be careful when out shopping, because your common sense is weak.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

You have definite moneymaking ideas today and ideas about how you want to spend money. Just be careful that you don't go overboard. Use caution.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Today the Moon is in your sign, which empowers you, but also makes you a bit more emotional than usual. Don't get carried away with anything, especially this evening.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You will prefer to work alone or behind the scenes today, because it feels better. You have been out there flying your colors, and today you need a break.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A conversation with a female friend will be important today. Why not share your hopes and dreams for the future with this person to get her feedback?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever you do today, you will be a bit high-viz, especially in the eyes of parents, bosses and VIPs — including the police. Just be aware of this. (No public fights in elevators.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you can travel anywhere today, even just a short trip, it will please you because you need a change of scenery. Visit galleries, museums and "different" places.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's a good day for important discussions about taxes, debt, shared property and inheritances. You are cooperative, and this is good. However, don't give away the farm.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Your co-operation with others is necessary today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This is something you can handle easily. Relax.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Do something today to make you feel better organized. Set aside 15 minutes to tidy your workstation or where you live. Do something now, because you will like yourself for it later.

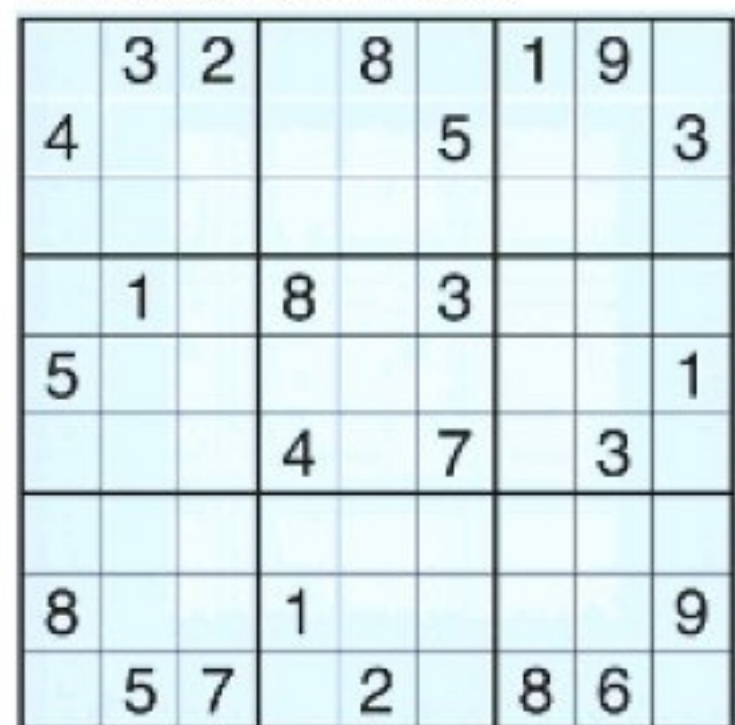
Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Take a long lunch today or spend time participating in playful activities with children. Sports, the arts and musical performances also will please you. It's a good date day.

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